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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS VENEZUELA

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- 1. PERUVIAN FONMIN DE LA FLOR IS TRAVELLING TODAY (JANUARY 28) TO CARACAS FOR MEETINGS WITH GOV LEADERS. ACCORDING TO WHAT FONMINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL GARCIA BEDOYA TOLD ME LAST NIGHT, AND CONFIRMED TODAY, DE LA FLOR WILL DISCUSS "PETROLEUM MATTERS" DURING HIS 4-DAY VISIT TO CARACAS.
- 2. COMMENT: DURING OUR CONVERSATION TODAY I ASKED GARCIA BEDOYA IF DE LA FLOR IS GOING TO DISCUSS TERMS FOR VENEZUELA'S PROJECTED PETROLEUM SALES TO PERU. WHILE HE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY CONFIRM THIS POINT, NEITHER DID HE DEMUR. WE HAVE BEEN WATCHING FOR SIGNS OF PERUVIAN-VENEZUELAN NEGOTIATIONS, AND HAVE SO FAR COME UP WITH ONLY LIMITED AND SPECULATIVE VERSIONS OF WHAT MAY HAVE TRANSPIRED TO DATE. RECENT REPORTS HAVE INDICATED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT VENEZUELA MIGHT SELL CRUDE TO GOP ON A DEFERRED-PAYMENT

BASIS, WITH PERU TO REPAY VENEZUELA FOR A PART OF ITS
CURRENT OIL DELIVERIES OUT OF ITS HOPED-FOR OIL SURPLUS
FOR EXPORT BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS FROM NOW.
PERU CONTINUES TO IMPORT ABOUT 30,000 BARRELS DAILY: ITS
NEEDS WILL PROBABLY NOT DECLINE THIS YEAR; AND ACCORDINGLY
A HEAVY FOREIGN EXCHANGE OUTLAY IS REQUIRED OF GOP FOR ITS
IMPORTS. ANY RELIEF GOPCAN ARRANGE FOR CURRENT-YEAR
DELIVERIES WOULD MEAN A SUBSTANTIAL EASING OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE
OUTLAYS FOR GOP AS IT CONFRONTS 1975-76 BUDGETARY DEFICITS
AND INCREASING FOREIGN EXCHANGE SHORTAGE. ANY INFORMATION
WHICH EMBASSY CARACAS CAN ASCERTAIN ON PURPOSE AND OUTCOME
OF DE LA FLOR'S VISIT WILL BE APPRECIATED.
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